

Operations Centre, Library Services, auditorium, special documents centres, communications depot, film viewing rooms, a world wide communications centre, a large travel section, and the Passport Office which is also part of the department's operation. Other items were studied which were to fall by the wayside in further development of the project. These included such things as staff lounges, recreation facilities, and areas where staff could meet to have their coffee breaks and generally fraternize away from their normal work space.

(c) The Preliminary Study

With the figures provided by the Department of External Affairs in 1964 the Department of Public Works was able to put together enough data for the preparation of a preliminary study by the consulting architects which could form the basis for beginning work on a design proposal. This envisaged, in addition to the estimated requirement of some 202,000 square feet of net space on occupancy (assumed to be 1968), an area of 50,000 square feet to be used for future expansion of the department, which could be used in the interim by other government departments. Based on figures current at the time, the provision of such basic space was expected to cost about \$9,000,000. (for a gross area of 360,000 square feet at \$25.00 per square foot).